



Perfectly Twisted Jewelry Tutorial

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This gorgeous pendant harness is the first step in learning the art of wire wrapping crystals.

Materials :

22 Gauge, Square, Dead Soft Wires

22 Gauge, Half Round, Dead Soft Wires

One Crystal point

Tools:

Flush wire cutters

Round nose pliers

Chain link pliers

5-7mm Dowel (pen or pencil work also)

Nylon Jaw pliers (optional)

Blue Painters tape

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Enjoy your project!



**To Begin:**

Cut 5 lengths of 22 gauge, square, dead soft wire, each 12 inches long.

These will be called 'Frame wires'.

Cut 2 lengths of 22 gauge, Half Round, dead soft wire, 6 inches long.

These will be called 'Wrap wires'.

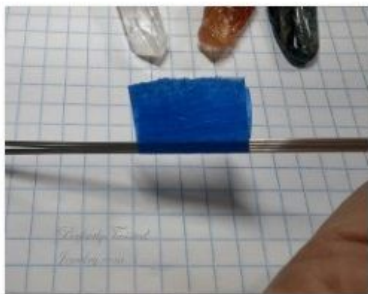
Cut 1 length of 22 gauge, Half Round, dead soft wire, 12 inches long.  
(Save this wrap wire, to be used for the bale, in later steps.)



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**Step 1**

Gather your tools and materials onto a clean, well lit work space. Working on grid paper will help you keep measure and symmetry.

I use blue painters tape to help me control wires because it peels off quite easily and leaves little to no residue on the wires.

Use your fingers, a polishing cloth or Nylon jaw pliers to straighten each length of square frame wire. Image 2.

Gather all frame wires into a neat, straight bundle and tape each end, leaving approximately 4 inches of wire in the center. Image 3 & 4

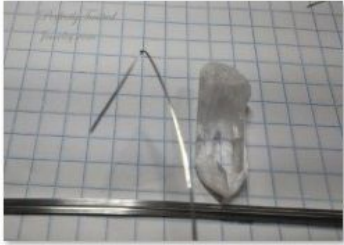
Center your crystal along the wire bundle. Image 5

**Step 2**

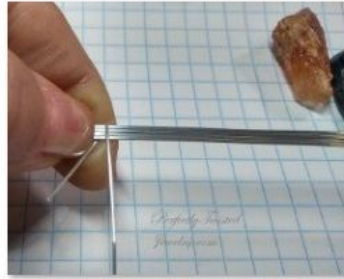
Take a 6 inch length of half round wrapping wire. Hold it so that the flat side of the wire is facing AWAY from you. Create a 45 degree-ish bend in the top 1 inch. Bend the wire down, to the left and away from you to create a little 'hook'. Image 6.

Insert the half round wrapping wire over the wire bundle, with the short hook to the back. Image 7  
Hold onto the short hook for leverage. Using the long portion of the wrapping wire, create even, neat wraps around all frame wires. Keep each wrap snug against the previous wrap, but not overlapping it. Image 7 .

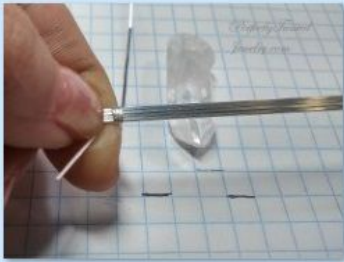
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Create wraps for approximately 1/4 inch. Use nylon jaw or chain link pliers to flatten the wraps neatly against the frame wires. Image 9



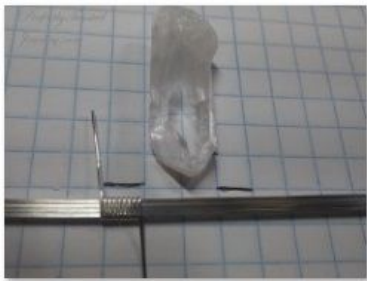
As you wrap, make sure the half round wire lays flat against the square wire.

Make wraps neat and aligned next to each other.

Do not overlap the coils.

Keep them as perpendicular to the square wire as possible.





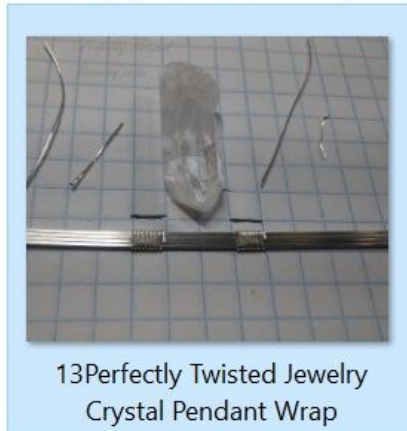
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### Step 3

Use flush cutters and trim each end of the wrapping wire.

Image 11

Be sure to trim each end on the same side of the frame wire bundle and make your cuts so that the cut itself, lives in the approximate middle of the frame wire bundle.

### Step 4

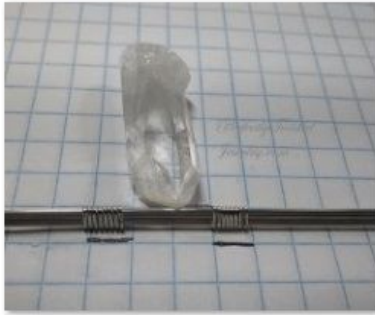
Use the other piece of 6 inch, half round wire and complete a second wrap on the opposite side of the crystal. Leave approximately .5 inches between the two wraps.



Make sure that you cut away the half round wire ends, on the same side of the wire bundle, as the previous wrapped set.

Use chain link pliers to tap the cut ends down.

*Add additional wrap segments if your crystal is larger.*



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### Step 5

Center your crystal between the center wrapped wires.

Stand the wire bundle vertically along the side of the crystal so that the wrapped segments are evenly along the bottom.

Hold the crystal and the wires steady and use your other hand to wrap the wire bundle around the crystal shape. Image closeup.

Make a U shape with the wire, cradling the crystal. Image 17

*NOTE: The crystals are not flat on any side most of the time.*

*As you bend your wire bundle around the crystal, it might be necessary to hold the wire bundle 'mid-crystal' as you work.*

*It might also be necessary to make adjustments to the wrapped wires for better 'fit' after you've bend the frame wire bundle around the crystal bottom.*



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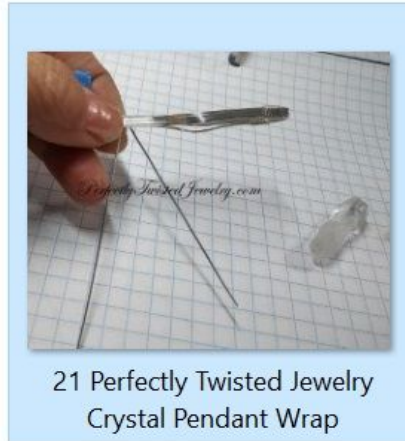
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### Step 6

Bring your wire bundles sides together, slightly above the crystal.

Use your fingers and work the wires close together and down toward the top of the crystal. Image 19 / 20

#### Note:

*I like to leave space above the top of the crystal and not choke the wire up too tightly.*

*This gives a nice line for the pendant overall.*

Time to wrap the neck of the pendant!

### Step 7

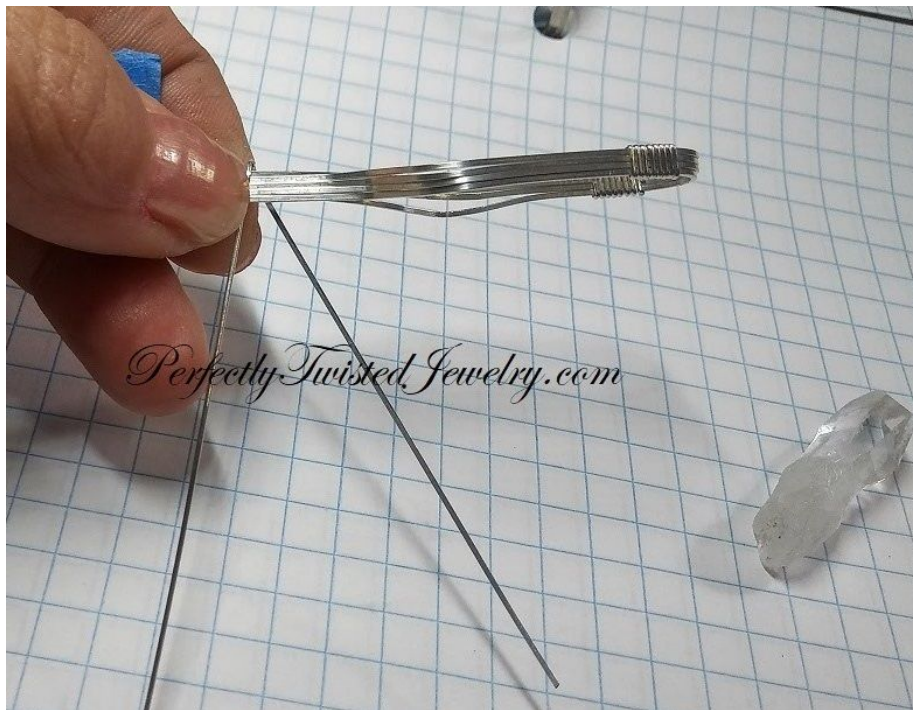
Use the 12 inch piece of half round wire. Hold the wire so that the flat side is facing away from you.

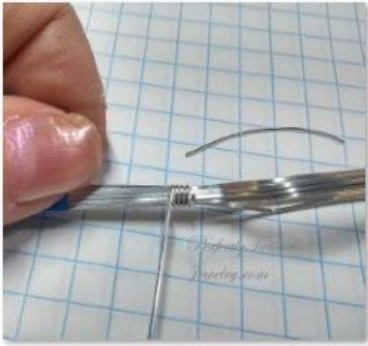
Make a forward bend in the top 3 inches of wire, slightly to the right. So like a hook.

Bring the short end of the half round wire over the neck of the pendant.

Put your thumb on the long end to hold it in place while you wrap with the SHORT END.

Make 5 neat wraps using the short end of the half round wire and wrap moving toward the 'spoon' of the wire harness.





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You can keep your crystal inserted or wrap the neck without the crystal inserted.

After 5 tight wraps with the short end of the half round, cut away the remaining short end. Image 22/23

**DO NOT CUT AWAY THE LONG END OF THE HALF ROUND.**

We need it later for wrapping the bale wires.

**Step 8**

Reinsert your crystal if needed.

Use fingers and separate the bottom wires, between the wrapped segments. Image 25/closeup

Use your finger nail and lift up the top wire at the bottom of the crystal.

Do the same to the other side of the crystal.

*Note:*

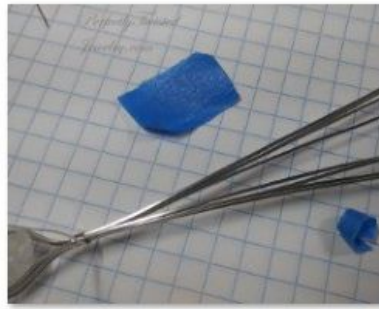
*The crystal is still loose within the wires, so be careful not to let it fall out while you work.*







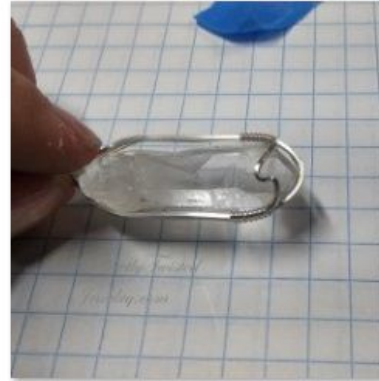
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### Step 9

REMOVE TAPE FROM WIRES.

*Note: Some crystals are thicker, rounder than others and might require more wire to be drawn over the body than normal cabochon or smaller crystals.*

*In order for the wires to 'give you length' to pull over the face of the crystal, you must first remove all the tape from the wire ends. Image 27*



Use round nose pliers, carefully grab one of the bottom, lifted wires.

Turn your wrist to create design with the plier.





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Turn the crystal over and do the same with the opposite bottom wire.  
Image 28/29/30/31/32/closeup



Use your fingers to push the wires close to the crystal if needed.

**Step 10**

Repeat these steps along the sides of the crystal.

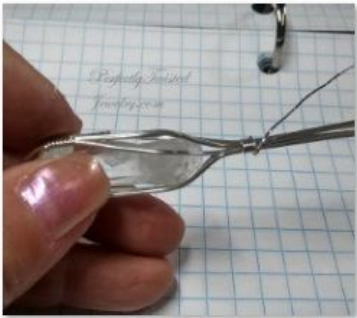
Lift the upper most wire with your finger nail.



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Use round nose pliers, grab the wire with a secure grip, turn your wrist to create design in the wire.  
Image 34/35

Repeat these steps on the opposite side of the crystal. Create design on both sides of the crystal with all top wires.



Carefully lift each top wire slightly off the crystal...

Use round nose pliers, grab the wire and twist the wrist to create design.





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Work carefully around the crystal, using each top wire to create design.

Make sure to draw the wire slightly over the face of the crystal.



Designs do not have to be symmetrical, but can be.

Because crystals are each unique, I tend to make my designs more free flowing.



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Turn and inspect every side of your crystal pendant as you work and draw design wires.



Because this is a 'beautiful on both sides' design (I call them BOBS)... it's important to give all sides consideration as you move design wires.





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There are 'four' wires running up the sides of the pendant crystal.

You only need one wire down the side, leaving two wires for design if desired.



'Echo' design wires to create more interest.

You can draw two wires up on either or both faces of the crystal.



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Remember to view your crystal pendant on all sides as you move wires.

Images 50-52



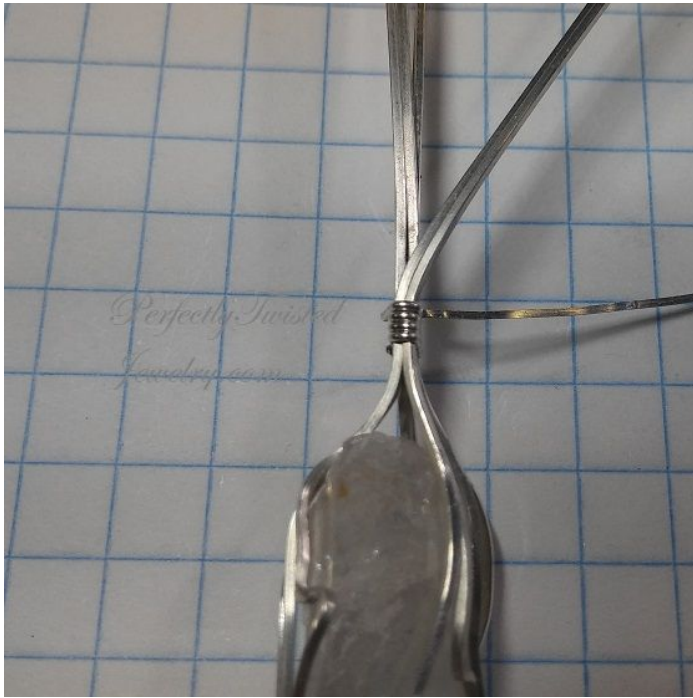
Crystals are not symmetrical, so you can create design to hug the irregular crystal sides.

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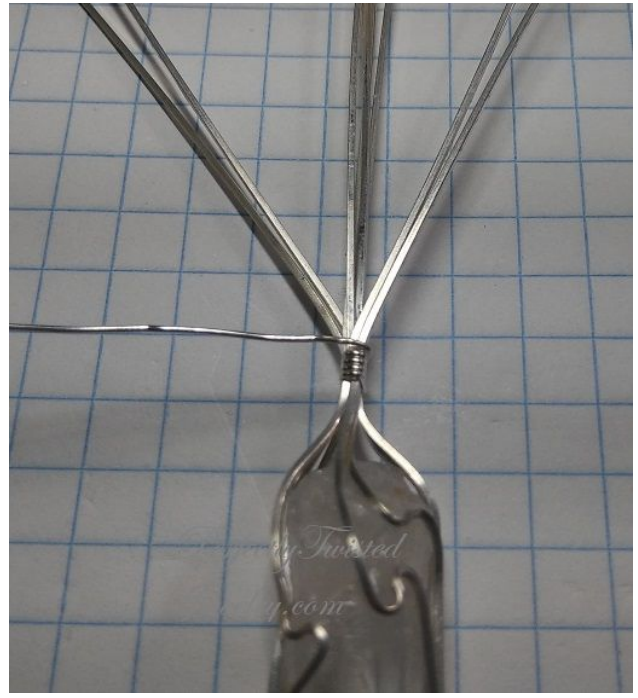
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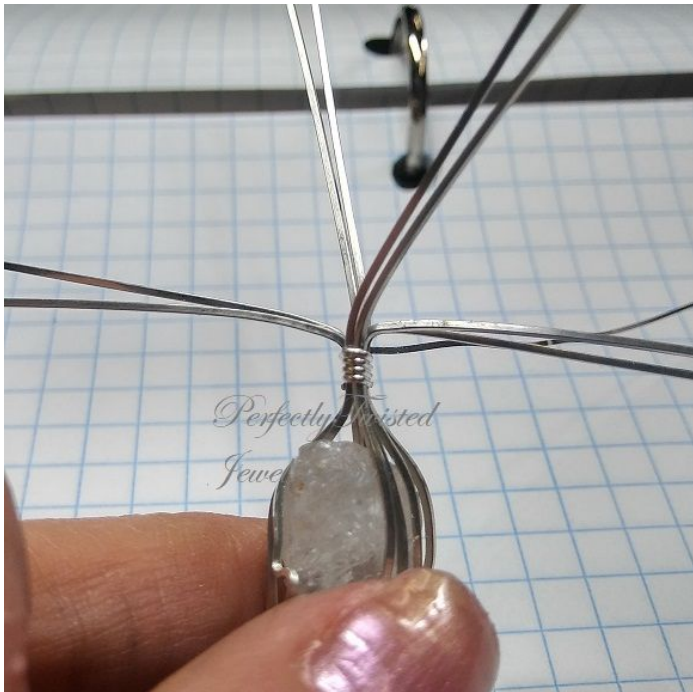


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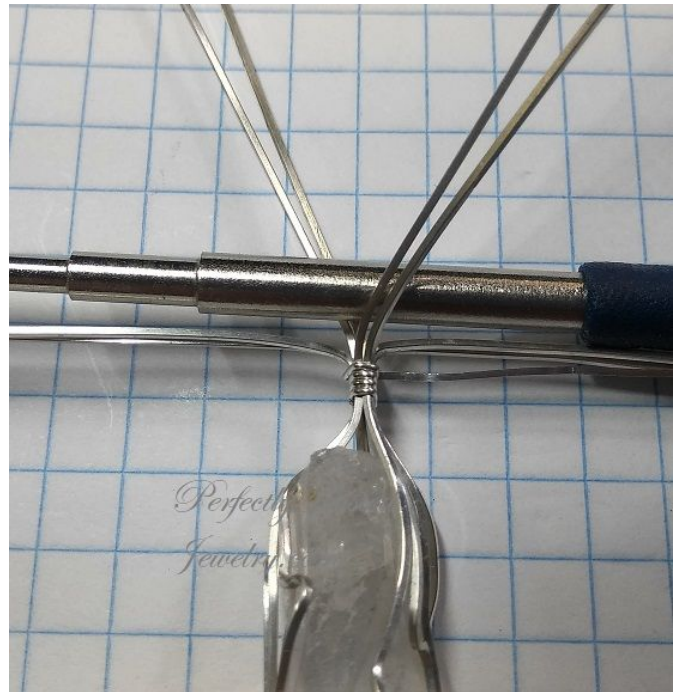
**Step 11 Bale Making**

Take the first two wires at the face of the crystal and bend them slightly to the right.

Turn the crystal over and repeat... take the first two front wires and make a slight bend to the right. Remember to keep your half round wire in place for use later.



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Separate the center wires, two to the right and two to the left. Make sharp horizontal bends at the neck of the pendant.

Use a round dowel of any kind (pencil, Bic pen, wooden stick)... and place it over the horizontal wires, between the bale wires.



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Left two wires from the 'back' of the pendant and bring them sharply over the dowel and down the face of the crystal.



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Use your finger and press down at the neck, bringing the two bale wires closer to the neck of the pendant.



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Keep the wires centered down the face of the pendant. Make sure the wires do not cross each other.



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Turn the pendant over and repeat with the remaining two bale wires.

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Lift them together and bend them sharply over the dowel. Keep them as even as possible in size with the first two bale wires.



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Use your finger and press down and inward at the neck to bring the two wires closer to the neck of the pendant.



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Hold both sets of wires running down the center of the pendant faces. Use the remaining half round wire and wrap completely over all wires, moving from the bale, toward the crystal. Keep your wraps neat and next to each other, not crossing over the previous wrap.



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When you reach the bottom of the pendant neck, the top of the crystal, lift one set of bale wires and take two tight wraps around them with the half round wire.

End the half round wire by cutting the end and tucking it under the two bale wires.



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Use the flush cutter and cut away the remaining half round wire.



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Use flat nose or chain link pliers to tuck the cut end, under the two bale wires to hide the cut end.



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Separate the two bale wires and cut them down to ¼ inch. Leave the dowel in place as you work. You will be locking down the bale wires and the dowel will keep the shape of the bale stable while you lock the cut ends.



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Use round nose pliers, grab the end of the cut wire and turn the ends into the center of the pendant.

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Make a sharp, small, closed loop to lock the bale wire into place. Make the loop as close to the bale neck as possible so the bale wires do not shift.



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Repeat with the opposite side



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Use your fingers to move the loops attractively into the center of the crystal, just below the bale.



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Turn the pendant over and repeat with the opposite two bale wires. Cut them down to 1/4 inch, then use round nose pliers and turn the cut ends into the pendant center.



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### Step 12 Design Wires

Choose one of the crystal faces. Take two design wires from the left of the pendant and draw them across the neck of the crystal, to the opposite side.

Put your thumb on the neck of the crystal, holding the two design wires and make a 'backbend' in the wires to create an 'S' shape.



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Cut the 'inside' wire (the one most center of the pendant)... to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Cut the 'outside' wire slightly longer, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

Use round nose pliers, grab the shorter wire by the tip and make a small, sharp, closed loop in the wire, moving toward the pendant center.

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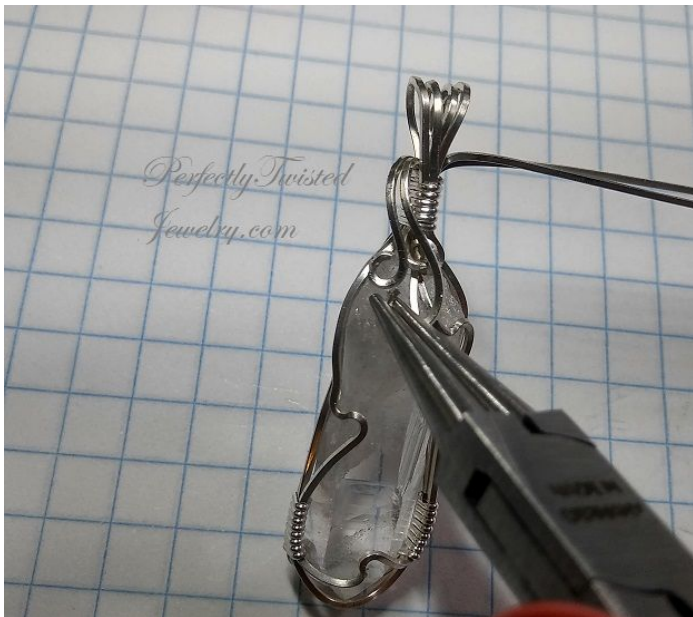
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Use your fingers to move the loop more to the center of the pendant if needed.



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Use round nose pliers, grab the tip of the longer wire and create a softer loop near the first loop.



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Use your fingers to move the loops more toward the pendant center if needed.



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In the next step, you will use the two remaining design wires to create a spiral loop at the top of the pendant.

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### Step 13 Design Wires

Use your fingers and pull the front design wire forward and up to create an open loop above the two previous loops made earlier.



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Take the second remaining design wire and make a sharp curve 'echoing' the previous wire.



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Use your fingers to press the loops close and near the neck of the pendant.



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Use flush cutters and trim both wires. Cut the top wire, leaving approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch at the end. Cut the bottom wire approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch longer.





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Use round nose pliers, grab the end tip of the wire and make a tight, small loop moving in the opposite direction.



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This is a tight tight loop and might shift your wire when you make the bend. Use your fingers and push the loop back to the center of the bale if needed.



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Use round nose pliers, grab the end tip of the remaining design wire and make a slightly larger loop, moving in the opposite direction, echoing the first small loop.



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Tuck the end of the larger loop slightly behind the first small loop.



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Use your fingers to push the wire loops to the center of the bale if needed.



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Check your pendant on all sides, using fingers to neatly move or shift wires if needed.



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That's it!! Congratulations! You've created a gorgeous crystal wire wrapped pendant! Use a polishing cloth to clean up your finger prints and give a shine to your gorgeous creation. Put it with your favorite chain and enjoy!

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